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FYI

From: WQSnews <WQSnews@epa.gov>
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Subject: [wqs-news] Proposed Rule - Copper and Cadmium Aquatic Life Criteria Applicable to Oregon Fresh Waters

Proposed Rule - Copper and Cadmium Aquatic Life Criteria Applicable to Oregon Fresh Waters

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing federal Clean Water Act (CWA) aquatic life criteria for Oregon's freshwaters to protect aquatic life from harmful levels of cadmium and copper. In 2013, EPA disapproved the acute (short-term) cadmium and acute and chronic (long-term) copper criteria that Oregon adopted in 2004 because the criteria did not meet CWA requirements to protect aquatic life. While Oregon is

currently developing its own revised copper criteria, working closely with EPA and other technical experts, the state has not yet submitted revised criteria to EPA. Therefore, EPA proposes to establish federal freshwater acute cadmium and acute and chronic copper criteria that take into account the best available science, EPA policies, guidance and legal requirements, to protect aquatic life uses in Oregon. For more information about this proposal - including how to provide comments and attend public meetings - please visit the website below.

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